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| 3  | UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  | PLAINTIFF                 |
| 5  | VS.   | NO. 3:21CR107             |
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| 12   | BEFORE HONORABLE SHARION AYCOCK UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE                        |                           |
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1 THE COURT: Counselors, do you need to take a short 2 break before you start? You ready? 3 I'm ready if you are. MR. LEWIS: 4 **THE COURT:** Okay. I'm ready. 5 MR. LEWIS: Your Honor, the defense calls Spencer 6 McInvaille. 7 (OATH WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE COURTROOM DEPUTY.) 8 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Thank you. You may take the stand. SPENCER McINVAILLE, DEFENDANTS' WITNESS, AFTER BEING 10 DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS: 11 DIRECT EXAMINATION 12 BY MR. LEWIS: 13 Can you state your name for us, please? 14 Q. Yes. Spencer McInvaille. Last name is 15 16 M-c-I-n-v-a-i-l-l-e. Q. What do you do for a living? 17 I work for Envista Forensics. We're a forensic 18 consulting firm. 19 20 Q. And we're going to get into a little more detail, but what do you do for Envista Forensics? 21 So I'm a technical lead. I work over a few examiners. Ι 22 also work a caseload myself. I deal with various types of 23 digital evidence, from cell phones to geolocation, various 24 disciplines within that group. 25

- Q. And so we've designated you as an expert in digital forensics and geolocation analysis. So why don't you just generally tell us what that is.
- A. Sure. So digital forensics revolves around us getting data and evidence off of most digital devices or services that retain these forms of data. So that could be a cell phone, third parties like Google GPS locations, from ankle monitors, or from those devices. So analyzing, then, that data that we retrieve to render opinions based on the locations and the activities that occur around those technologies.
- Q. And how those technology companies store and produce that kind of data; right?
- A. Right. So understanding the processes behind that, how they gather this data, what it's used for and its application, you know, now from the private side, to the end user, to here in the courtroom.
- **Q**. And so what -- just briefly, what's your education and experience in digital forensics and geolocation analysis?
- A. Sure. Prior, I was a law enforcement officer. I did that for eight and half years. The last four years approximately working violent crimes. During that time, I began to deal with digital evidence for our group. I was dealing with phones and mobile location, geolocation evidence.

So I've continued to learn not only on the job but as well as various trainings and certifications over the years.

And I've now been with Envista for coming on six years now, and we continue our education into these areas constantly.

- Q. So something came along a few years ago called the geofence warrant. You're familiar with that?
- A. That's correct.

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- Q. And so, you know, again, you don't have to go into a lot of detail, but how did you get involved in dealing with geofence warrants?
- A. So the geofence warrant itself is mainly a process and -you know, a piece of legal process that's being used to query a set of data from Google in a specific way.

Now, the data that's being retained there is based on our common data types that we would use prior to that type of warrant being used. So cellular data, WiFi connections, Bluetooth, GPS, those types of measurements that get taken. It's now aggregated, though, based on this particular service from Google.

Q. And so have you been accepted as an expert --

THE COURT: Excuse me. I ask you to slow down --

THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: -- for the court reporter.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

#### BY MR. LEWIS:

Q. Have you been accepted as an expert in the field of digital forensics and geolocation analysis?

- A. Yes. I've testified about 42 times, I believe, in state and federal court.
  - Q. And you, in fact, testified in the *USA versus Chatrie* case in Virginia, which pertained to the same kind of warrant we're talking about here today; correct?
  - A. Yes. I have testified twice in the Eastern District of Virginia for federal court as well as the -- I believe it's the Middle District of Florida in Tampa for geofence warrants, as well as various state courts. I believe about ten times total for location history and geofence warrants.
- Q. And you were -- you were accepted as an expert in those courts; is that correct?
- A. That's correct.
- MR. LEWIS: Your Honor, I would tender Mr. McInvaille as an expert in digital forensics and geolocation analysis.

MR. MIMS: No objection.

**THE COURT:** Okay. So he is accepted as an expert in digital data for geolocation analysis.

# BY MR. LEWIS:

- Q. Mr. McInvaille, you prepared a report; is that correct?
- A. I did.
- Q. And we've attached it to our motion and provided it to
  the Court. I'm just going to ask you, what -- what information
  did you rely on in giving the opinions that you are giving here
  today?

- A. Sure. So I will, of course, want the geofence warrant so that I can understand which process for that request was used in this particular matter, the -- all of the responses from Google as that pertains to that warrant. Generally, I will get case, you know, documentation, general discovery that provides some details as well. So all of those together.
- Q. And so let's just talk about Google for a minute. Why does Google collect somebody's location history?
- A. So that's probably the key here, is that this warrant cannot be accomplished or at least you cannot locate anyone with this warrant without this specific service called location history. It commonly gets confused with the location services like the actual permissions that you give at the device base level.

This is an accounts letting settle -- excuse me -- accounts level setting that is allowing you to gather your own location information and store it to your specific account. So it is separate of letting your phone know, hey, this is where I am so I can navigate places, thing like this. This is an actual service of Google rather than a specific, like, switch.

So I kind of use it as this analogy of power inside of your house. When you flip the switch on and off, that's those location history -- or -- excuse me -- location services that people are talking about, when you put your phone in airplane mode or allow it to gather information to be used. That has to

- be on, of course, for location history to operate. That is a separate service from Google, meaning the actual power it flows through so you can turn it on or turn it off, that gets gathered.
- Q. Does Google collect this information so it can help the government solve crimes?
- A. No. They -- they have labeled this as a service to the user akin to their journal.
- Q. Right. So explain that a little bit. So what do you mean by journal?
- A. So it stores within the account. So, within your Google account that you have, your Gmail account, what it's storing is not only your location history, if you've allowed it to do this operation, it's storing your Google searches, so both voice and text searches, as well as your location history, and then any other information that you're allowing it to gather. It aggregates that within your -- within your account.
- Q. And does Google also -- start over. Would Google also like to sell you an ad, would like to use it for advertising?
- A. They do, but the actual service of location history does -- is not an -- is not an ad-based service actually. It is more for the user experience.

If you've ever gotten into your vehicle in the morning to go to work but it realizes that you like to stop by a particular place to get coffee every day because you constantly

do that, this data set that is being created because you're allowing it to is now what is prompting your phone to say, hey, do you want to stop by and get coffee this morning? If so, this is the best route to go.

- Q. Okay. So let's kick over to a geofence warrant and talk about -- and you're familiar with the warrant we have in this case?
- A. Iam.

- Q. Let's talk about what this warrant is asking Google to do. Go ahead.
- A. So, generally, in a warrant, if you have a Google account and you are looking for information regarding that account, we would draw up a search warrant that says, Google, we want to know about goodloelewis@gmail.com. And we want location history. We want e-mails, IP logs, whatever we decide we need based on the investigation, based on what we know about that account.

In this instance, because we don't know the specific account that's being requested, the government is outlining a three-step process that allows you to eventually get to that point, even without knowing who you're looking for. So, in this instance, to find the person, we need that they have a phone; they need a Gmail account; and then they need location history turned on. That's the very first part that has to happen.

Once the warrant is applied to that and begins to search that sphere of that group of people, that bucket of data, in the first step, what it's going to return is that document that we've seen over and over again. I believe G-2 maybe was the document that outlines the device ID, the estimated location, and then, obviously, some details about that location, but that's the extent of the information that is received.

- Q. All right. So let's stop there. So here's G-3 actually. Is that what you were just talking about?
- A. Right. So, once that request is made, this is the very first step in this process, is learning the anonymized, with air quote, information that is being provided for -- for the data retrieved.
- Q. Right. Because we're about to start using probably my least favorite word ever, de-anonymize. Okay. My mouth was not made to say that word.

Okay. So -- but let's talk about this Step 1. Okay? Based upon your knowledge, your experience, where is Google keeping the information that they go to get this Step 1 information?

A. So, commonly, it's referred to as the Sensorvault where this data is stored. It is a large repository of users' data. The device identifiers are an important piece of that, because within your Google account, you can have multiple devices capturing this data at any given time. So, as a result, in

this big bucket of data, you have individual device IDs, and then there are locations to go along with it.

What this warrant in Step 1 is asking Google to do is to, you know, essentially kind of draw this box within their system and say whose data falls within this group. As a result of that request, they have to search that entire bucket of data. They can't just look at individual accounts.

- Q. Okay. So now we're kind of getting to the point. How many accounts does Google typically search in these situations?
- A. This is a 2018 incident. Google estimates that it was approximately 592 million accounts that had to be searched to determine if you fit into a particular box or circle or whatever polygon is drawn.
- Q. Okay. And so how does Google decide if one of these accounts falls into the box?
- A. So, going back to G-3, I believe is what you said it was, if you look within G-3, the key piece that returns this user's data as responsive to the warrant are the latitude and longitude coordinates that are provided. So, as long as that point there -- oh, excuse me. I think I drew on the screen. As long as those points fall within the geofence, then it is returned as responsive.

You've -- I don't know if you've seen yet as far as what shows up in the data, but around that reference point, we will then draw a circle around that particular point using that

map's display radius to the right, which is in meters. So that is a circle that gets drawn over that reference point.

- Q. Okay. So I'm going to show you then. This is Figure 5 from your report, Page 7 of 36. And so, yeah, does Google actually search the box?
- A. So, no, they have to search the entire data set just to see which devices fall within the parameters of the box. So the search is not limited to the -- to the box. The return is limited to the box, if that makes sense.
- Q. Okay. So show -- tell the Court what you're showing here on Figure 5.
- A. Okay. So, within that data set that you see in G-3, this is one of those points. And so, for example, the center point of this blue circle is likely somewhere in there (indicating). It's probably just to the right of that. It looks a little off from where I just put it, but it's very close to that. Since that center point falls within the square, that piece of data is returned in that G-3-piece of paper.

The important piece to note there is, when they give you the map's display radius, that's kind of their error radius around that estimation that they have made. The device can be anywhere within that circle. So it could be within the shaded area that's in the geofence, but it could also be outside of the geofence.

In the particular way that this warrant was drafted, it

allowed for -- as long as the center point falls within the geofence, that that data is returned. There's other ways that you can ask for this to be done, but this is the way that it was done here.

- Q. Okay. So -- all right. So let's continue on. After -- wait. Have you explained everything you need to explain about how we get this Step 1 data in G-3?
- A. Correct. I have.

- Q. Okay. All right. So what happens next?
- A. So, as it states in the warrant, you will -- law enforcement will analyze this data that's being provided. So we will take each of those points that are being labeled in G-3, we'll map those out, and start -- and begin to look at, where were these positioned at? What times were they positioned in those locations? And then what can I determine from that?

Based on that analysis, there's going to be subsequent requests being made to Google or demands made to Google for further data. So the next step here would be to get what's called contextual data.

- Q. Okay. Go ahead. What's that?
- A. So contextual data -- the reason they call it that is for that very reason. It provides context. So now you are going to see -- rather than just limited to a specific geographical area within that box, we're now going to see generally what you

will see as devices travel from one place to the geofence and then leave that geofence or remain within there the entire time. But what it does, it provides more information.

Q. Okay. And then what happens next?

A. So, then, again, you will complete an analysis of that data, then see if that changes anything. The judge asked earlier about narrowing. Typically, through the analysis of each of these, you will see narrowing occur.

People will decide that, hey, I had three in the beginning. As a result of the first three sets of -- you know, the first three data points that I see in the beginning, I only need two of those moving on because -- let's say it's based on the time frame or where they're positioned that you say, well, I don't think this person is relevant so I'm not going to include them in the subsequent request.

So then, as you move to Step 2, same thing. You can make another choice and determine, hey, I don't even need this other person anymore because I figured out that they live across the street. Whatever that is.

Step 3, now we will make the decision who do we want to reveal their -- you know, your word "de-anonymize."

- Q. Okay. And that's when they get the specific names on the accounts and proceed on from there with other investigative techniques; correct?
- A. That's right. So, from my understanding of the process

that was gone through here is that, in Step 1, three devices were returned. In Step 2, three devices received more contextual data. And Step 3, all three were revealed for their subscriber information.

Q. Okay. All right. So let's discuss something I think is already clear but maybe use an example about how Google did this process that might help the Court.

Did this warrant ask for any -- the identity -- start over. Did this warrant identify any specific account names that it was requesting information for?

- A. No. Again, this is an unknown search. You are asking Google to search all of the data that they have available in hopes to identify someone.
- Q. So let's give us -- since this is a post office, let's use an analogy that there is something in a post office box in the post office that the government wants to know.
- **A**. **O**kay.

- Q. How does this warrant work in relation to that concept there?
- A. So, in this instance, rather than say, hey, I want P.O. box number, you know, 400 at the -- I don't know what the zip code is for Oxford, but let's just say whatever the zip code is for Oxford. That would be a specific request for a box at one location. Essentially what you're saying here is that I know someone has a P.O. box, and as a result, we need to search the

P.O. boxes to find, let's just say, some package that we're looking for.

In this instance, rather than just search the boxes within one post office within Oxford, this is going to require the post office to search all of their post office boxes, California, Virginia, North Carolina, and even if you went overseas to, let's say, an APO where they're delivering stuff to soldiers in wherever, we've got to check those too, because that's what's happening here. It's all of the accounts that they have, not just a specific one.

- Q. All right. We talked about this language in the warrant application -- well, it's in the warrant and the warrant application -- about -- and I'll just read it under Step 1. "Law enforcement will analyze this location data to identify users who may have witnessed or participated in the subject offenses and will seek any additional information regarding those devices through further legal process." Did I read that correctly?
- A. Yes, sir, you have.
- Q. And you have reviewed the information that went to Google that's been provided by the government; correct?
- A. I have.

- Q. And you have reviewed the information that came back to -- from Google to the government; correct?
- 25 A. That's right.

- Q. Have you seen -- were there any other warrants issued pertaining to further legal process to do Step 2 and 3?
- A. No, not in this instance. It was all revolving around the November 8th search warrant. This is a common piece of language that I see in geofence warrants. It's showed up in other warrants in the past as well.
- Q. Okay. In this particular case, why didn't the government just ask for location history for somebody's -- somebody's account?
- A. Again, they -- I believe it's been testified they didn't know which account to -- to ask for.
- Q. Okay. Now, this hasn't come up yet, and I don't know that the government does think this is analogous, but let's talk about it for a minute. There's something called "tower dump." Okay. What is a tower dump?
- A. So, in a tower dump, what we're asking the cell phone providers to do is to tell us who communicated on a certain set of towers.

So generally what we're looking at is -- for instance, here at the post office, there is a certain set of cell phone towers for all of the carriers that are going to be positioned in that area that provide service to that specific location. You're then going to ask those carriers to tell you who communicated on those towers during a specific time frame. That way you can begin to identify the numbers that were in

that general area in making communications.

- Q. So what's the difference between what the government is doing here with this geofence warrant and a tower dump?
- A. So the tower dump is actually restricted as far as the search to that specific location. The records pertaining to those particular towers are being searched. So those particular towers only cover a finite area.

As a -- you know, kind of on the flip side of that, for the Google warrants, because that data is not stored in a way that allows you to search it based on a specific geographic area, you're then having to make that search across the full range of data for all of the accounts to find who was in that -- that given area.

Q. Okay.

MR. LEWIS: Bear with me a moment, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Uh-huh.

(CONFERRING OFF THE RECORD.)

# BY MR. LEWIS:

- Q. This came up earlier, and just so maybe there's -- this is clear, the information sought by this warrant, does that -- does the information Google returned tell you if somebody was making a phone call within the geofence at any given time?
- A. No, it does not. This only provides location information for the devices.
- Q. Does it indicate if somebody is sending a text to

- somebody within that period of information?
  - A. Just locations. That is it.
  - Q. Okay. So, I mean, you know, does -- okay. So, in this particular case, did it return these three devices because somebody was making a phone call or texting within that
  - A. No. Location history will collect passively. It commonly can collect several times a minute. So, no, this happens just because the device is on.
- 10 **Q**. **O**kay. All right.

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- MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Your Honor. That's all the questions I have.
  - **THE COURT:** Do either of the other defendants' counsel wish to question the expert?
    - MR. TRAVIS: No questions. Thank you, Your Honor.
    - MR. CHINICHE: Yes, Your Honor.

## DIRECT EXAMINATION

### BY MR. CHINICHE:

- Q. So, Mr. McInvaille, when Google got the search warrant from the inspectors in this case, if -- if I had a Google account, Google got into my account; is that right?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. And if Mr. Charlie has a Gmail account, Google got into his account; is that right?
  - A. That would be true for every -- and that's for every

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MR. MIMS:

circle or square or geofence that you draw within a warrant. That happens either one time or multiple times for each warrant. So for every warrant that comes through. Every warrant. So if law enforcement gets a geofence Q. warrant in Tampa, Florida, a geofence, and I've got a Gmail account, Paul Chiniche in Oxford, Google is going through my account? That's correct. They would determine if your account has any locations that fall within the parameters of that geofence warrant in Tampa. And you estimated -- how many accounts did Google go Q. through with respect to this particular search warrant? Α. So Google estimated in 2018 that 592 million users use location history, and that's the amount that would be searched to facilitate the response. Q. And where do you get that information from? I worked a case in California, the *Dawes* case, D-a-w-e-s. In that matter, a Google employee responded to a request that we had made to ask how many accounts were affected by the search. MR. CHINICHE: Thank you. I have no further questions. Okay. Cross-examination, Mr. Mims? THE COURT:

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Yes, Your Honor.

## BY MR. MIMS:

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- Q. Good afternoon, Mr. McInvaille.
  - A. Afternoon.
- Q. Before we get into this case in detail in a minute, I just want to go back and ask you a few questions about you.
- This is the first chance I've had to meet you and really ask you questions. Have you ever worked for Google?
- A. No, I have not.
- 9 **Q**. Okay. Have you ever personally submitted a geofence warrant to Google?
- 11 A. No, sir, I have not.
- Q. Okay. What training do you have in Google's operations and procedures?
- A. I don't have any training. I just have experience from the cases that I've worked.
- Q. The cases you've worked. Explain to me what cases that you've worked. You're talking about as an expert witness?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. But you're not talking about as a law enforcement officer?
- A. We made Google requests in law enforcement as well. My knowledge of location history comes from -- from both of those.
- Q. I'm sorry. Well, let me ask you -- so do you have law enforcement experience?
- 25 A. Yes, I do.

- Q. Tell me about that.
- A. I did eight and a half years at the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office in South Carolina. I held various titles during that time. The last four or so years, I worked in violent crime investigations.
- Q. Okay.

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- A. During that time, I dealt with -- I did all of our mobile phones, cell location, geolocation type evidence prior to coming to Envista.
- 10 Q. When did you leave there?
- 11 **A**. 2017.
- Q. All right. Did you ever seek any geofence warrants when you were working in South Carolina in law enforcement?
- A. No. At the time, that wasn't -- it actually wasn't a widely known technique.
- 16 **Q**. **Okay**.

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- A. It wasn't until a few -- sometime after that that they began to come out.
- Q. Okay. So, when I asked you about experience or training in Google's operations and procedures, you talked about, "Well, I know something from my law enforcement experience." That has nothing to do with their procedures on geofence warrants because you weren't doing them back then; right?
  - A. So the submission for location history accounts or those requests is the same through the portal as you've heard

- described before. The process for the geofence, no, was not for law enforcement.
  - Q. Well, and you used a good word there that I was about to use. "Process." You understand maybe the process of how you submit things through the legal portal at Google; right?
  - A. Yes, I understand the process.
  - Q. But as far as -- what I'm wanting to know is, on the other side of the house, inside the walls of Google, do you have any training and experience on how they store things and how they do things?
- 11 A. No, I do not.

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- Q. Mr. McInvaille, how much are you getting paid for your time?
- 14 A. I'm a salaried employee with our company.
  - Q. Well, my understanding is that, when defendants hire an expert such as you in this case, they have to pay you; right?
  - A. If I worked for myself, yes, they would be paying me, but they're not. They're not paying me. They pay my company.
- 19 **Q**. They pay your company. Well, let me ask it this way.
  20 How much is your company getting paid for your time?
  - A. I believe it's \$250 an hour.
  - Q. Okay. And I know you mentioned it earlier, but I just want to make sure I have it right. How many times -- well, you didn't mention this particularly. How many times have you been designated as an expert before?

- 1 A. About 42 times, I believe.
- Q. All right. And that's the same number of times you said you've testified in court; correct?
- 4 A. That's correct. Or testified in total.
- Q. Right. So not necessarily in court. Some may be in a deposition?
- 7 A. Correct.
- Q. Do you know how many times you would have testified in court?
- 10 A. 30 some odd -- some odd times.
- 11 **Q**. In all of these 42 times total, have you ever testified before on geofence warrants specifically?
- 13 **A.** Yes.
- 14 **Q**. How many times?
- A. Three times in federal court and a handful in state court. I'm not sure of the exact number of just geofence.
- Q. One of those times, in fact, was in the *Chatrie* case; right?
- 19 A. That's correct. Twice.
- 20 Q. Okay. So twice in the same case?
- 21 A. That's right.
- 22 Q. And that's the case out of the -- is it the Eastern
- 23 District of Virginia?
- 24 A. That's right.
- 25 **Q**. That's really one of the earliest reported decisions on

- geofence warrants, isn't it?
  - A. Yes. The earliest federal district court level, yes.
  - Q. There's really not much federal case law on this, is there?
  - A. There's not. They're currently being litigated.
  - Q. And in the *Chatrie* case in which you testified as an expert for the defendants; right?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. That's one in which the Court said that the good faith exception applies and therefore denied the motion to suppress; correct?
- 12 A. I believe that's correct.
- Q. So, Mr. McInvaille, I want to see if we can agree on a few things. I know we're on opposite sides of this case here, but a lot of times I like to try to see if we can find some common ground and agree on a few things.
  - First of all, Google is certainly capable of determining what devices are located within a geofence; right?
  - A. They can estimate it, yes.
  - Q. I'm sorry?
- 21 A. It's an estimation, but, yes, they can do it.
- Q. Okay. And would you agree with me this information is beneficial to law enforcement in determining who may have been present at the scene of a crime?
  - A. You said it's beneficial?

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- A. I think it's useful, yes.
- Q. In fact, FBI and other law enforcement agencies, they have used geofence information to find people who have been kidnapped or find runaway children or find terrorists, even, or other criminals? Would you agree that FBI and law enforcement agencies have used these to -- used geofences to find that information?
- A. They could have.
- 10 **Q**. In fact, since about 2018, geofences are used quite 11 frequently, aren't they?
- 12 A. They're becoming more common, yes.
- Q. Well, more common. In fact, wouldn't you agree with me that Google gets tens of thousands of these geofence warrants each year?
- 16 A. That's probably true.
- Q. Okay. And when I say "get them," I'm talking about
  actually gets them and complies with them, not that it's been
  rejected or it's been refused by the Court. I'm talking about
  geofence warrants that are used -- submitted and information is
  used to help in a case like I'm using.
- 22 A. That's probably true.
- Q. Okay. Now, Google does this through location information; right?
- 25 A. Location history, yes.

- Q. Location history. Thank you. I appreciate the clarification because I know that's a term that I think you've used in your report is location history; right?
- A. That's right. That's the specific product that is being searched.
- Q. Okay. So location history -- first of all, that is information that Google gathers from its subscribers to various Google apps and programs; right?
- 9 A. So, yes, you're allowing Google to collect this and store to your account.
- Q. Google meaning the customer. Me as a Google user, my
  phone. If I use Google Maps, for example, and if I enable
  location history, I am providing information to Google; right?
- A. So you don't actually have to use the application. As long as you have location history enabled, it will collect.
- 16 Q. Correct. If I enable?

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- 17 A. If you enable location history, yes.
- Q. When I first get a phone, location history is not enabled, is it?
- A. No. The -- well, your -- when you initially get an account, no, it is not.
- Q. Okay. In other words, I have to agree to enable location history on my account?
- A. Right, because you're making an account level decision.

  So it's -- you're making a decision to store your information

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- Q. But that's a decision that I voluntarily make to share that information with Google?
- A. So it's not so much that you're sharing with Google. You are storing with Google. It's kind of like your -- if you have a mini storage unit or something, you are storing your belongings within that account.
- Q. Okay. So let me ask you -- I know you were asked some questions earlier about analogies. Let me make one for you.

If you say I'm storing that location in Google -- let's say you are Google, and let's say that my location history is written on this piece of paper. Instead of me keeping it in my file cabinet, I'm giving it to you to put in your file cabinet; right?

- 15 A. Correct.
  - Q. And you're putting it in a file cabinet there at your -- at your business, not in my house; right?
- 18 A. Correct. It's a separate storage.
- Q. Okay. And that's what we call a Sensorvault; is that right?
  - A. That's correct.
- Q. All right. I'm learning a lot in this case because I -I'm not a technological person. So it's taking a little while
  to catch on to all of this.
  - The Sensorvault -- I think of that as kind of an

- electronic file cabinet basically at Google's headquarters. Is that fair to say?
  - A. It's probably similar, yes.

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- Q. Okay. Now, I can use my phone to make phone calls, send texts, search the web, all of that, without location services or location history turned on; is that right?
- A. That's correct. You can.
- Q. Okay. So location services or location history, that may just be a convenience to me as a consumer. There may be things that I use that it's a little more convenient to me if I have it turned on; right?
  - A. Right. It is a product. Just like you have a house and not have Internet. You don't have to have it, but you may want it.
- Q. Well, for example, sometimes when I'm traveling, if I
  don't have location services turned on and I want to -- I'm in
  a strange place and I want to look at a map, I have to open up
  Google Maps and actually kind of scroll around and find, okay,
  I'm in Destin, Florida. Where's my road? Where am I going?
  Right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. But if I have location services turned on, when I hit
  Google Maps, it pops up and shows me where I am. It makes it
  easier to use; right?
  - A. Right. And you can do that separate of location history

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- 2 Q. Sure. But I -- in other words, I don't have to do that.
- 3 I can do it the hard way if I want to; right?
  - A. If you'd like to.
- 5 Q. Now, Google also uses this location information as well,
- 6 though. They do sell ads using this information that I've
- 7 provided Google to store in their Sensorvault; right?
- 8 A. So, actually, there's other portions of data that they
- gather for those. Location history is not one of those
- 10 products.
- 11 Q. So my understanding is, when Google gets a geofence
- 12 search warrant, it looks in its Sensorvault, it's electronic
- storage, to pull the requested info -- information; is that
- 14 right?

- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. In other words, I described this as kind of an electronic
- 17 | file cabinet. Google, when it's get a geofence warrant, I
- 18 picture it physically as opening up a drawer and digging
- 19 through papers. It's doing it electronically obviously, but
- 20 | it's looking at information it stores at its building at its
- 21 headquarters; correct?
- 22 A. Right. And rather than go to your -- you know, to your
- 23 | filing cabinet and your particular folder of information, it's
- 24 got to search that entire file cabinet, yes.
  - Q. But it's all information that I, as a user and consumer,

1 have given to Google to store?

- A. Yes. It's -- again, you are storing that data with Google.
  - Q. Sure. There's no -- there's no documentation or contract or anything like that that when I give it to Google to store that says, by the way, Google, you are not allowed to share this with anybody anytime, is there?
  - A. It's held under your account with a username and pass code. So I don't -- I don't know if there is any document that specifically says that, but it's not just, you know, free hanging out there. It's stored within the account.
  - Q. So, once Google gets the geofence search warrant and it searches its Sensorvault for the information, it then sends anonymous data to law enforcement of only devices within the box so-to-speak; right?
  - A. With those it estimates, yes.
- Q. Law enforcement then can review that data and they can select which devices are relevant and ask for additional information if they want to; correct?
  - A. That's right. That's what the process outlines.
  - Q. Okay. Now, you were describing a while ago, I think, a process of how Google searches their Sensorvault, that they have to look through everything to see who's in the box. And I'm -- I'm dumbing it down a lot --
  - A. I understand.

- Q. -- I know, but they're digging through everything in this
  Sensorvault to see who's in the box; right?
  - A. Correct.

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- **Q**. When they do that, they don't look to see where everyone
- is. They only look to see who's in the box?
  - A. Again, who falls within those parameters.
  - Q. I'm going to come back to this idea here in just a minute, but I want to -- I want to pause for a second and look at this briefly. So, assuming that February 5th of 2018 I had location history turned on on my own phone, Google would have that information stored in their Sensorvault; right?
- 12 A. Correct.
  - Q. So -- but when Google looks in their Sensorvault in relation to this search warrant, they don't look to see where Robert Mims was on that day. Nobody knows where Robert Mims was at 5:00 on that day. It only knows whether I was in the box or not in the box; correct?
  - A. Correct. They just search your account to see if it's in the box.
  - Q. Okay. Now, would you agree with me that a geofence warrant won't necessarily pick up everybody who's physically in a box?
- A. No. Because, again, there's so many -- there's a few different criteria that have to be met for it to occur. That's why, as described earlier, you don't see the victim and

other -- the other people, is that it's -- it's a small -- even though it's -- you know, it sounds like a lot, 600 -- almost 600 million accounts, it still is just a small subset of Google users, which is in the 2 billion range.

So it's not all -- you know, just -- it's not the -- because you have a cell phone, we will find you. You have to have a cell phone. You have to have a Google account. You have to have location history. And then, to be returned, you have to be estimated within that area.

- Q. Yeah. It's certainly beneficial to see who may have been in the box, but just because your name or your device doesn't pop up doesn't mean you weren't there; correct?
- A. That can be true, yes.

- Q. Because, for example, it only hits, what -- it only checks for information every five, six, ten minutes. How often?
- A. It can be multiple times a minute most of the time. I've seen it, you know, six times a minute, two times a minute. It stores quite a bit of data.
- Q. Okay. Well, and I thought I'd seen that sometimes that it could be longer. It could be more like five minutes. I may have that wrong. But could it be more than a five-minute interval?
- A. The way it's described in the data I've seen, it's generally not that long, no.

- Q. Okay. Fair enough. But if you're somebody like the driver of the white SUV who comes through briefly and then comes back through and drops somebody off and leaves, your device might not talk to Google in the few moments you drive past; right?
- A. It's possible.

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- Q. So you might not -- so your device may not hit so-to-speak because you're only there briefly?
- A. It's possible.
- Q. Okay. Or you could just have location services off; correct?
- 12 A. Yes. Again, if it doesn't show up, it very well could be 13 because location history is not an -- not an enabled option.
- Q. So there are a little over 20 people in this room. If we did a geofence for this room for right now, we're not necessarily going to get 20 devices that hit, are we?
  - A. No. I would only expect about three or four.
- Q. Okay. Now, one other thing to be clear, this search
  warrant -- I've done search warrants for phones. You probably
  did too when you were a police officer.
  - A. I have, yes.
- Q. When you're looking for text messages setting up a drug deal or pictures that may be important or you're searching for e-mails or things like that, that's not what a geofence warrant is about, is it?

- A. No. It's just about location.
- Q. That's right. Just about location. You're not searching for communications on a phone. That's something separate?
  - A. Correct.

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- Q. Let me ask you, Mr. McInvaille, what is an IP address?
- A. It's Internet Protocol address. It allows essentially
  the tracking of what occurs across the Internet. So, when
  requests are made for particular websites, essentially, you're
  going to be making that request for a particular IP address out
  to another IP address that's a, you know, Google or whoever,
  that way it facilitates the transaction of the information.
  - Q. Okay. So, normally -- I've got an iPad, and most evenings I get on it at some point for a little while and surf the web on my iPad. My iPad would have a specific IP address, wouldn't it?
  - A. So your home Wi-Fi would.
- 17 **Q**. My home Wi-Fi?
- 18 A. Correct.
- Q. Got you. So, in other words, my wife's computer, my daughter's phone, my iPad would all work off the same IP address at my home?
- 22 A. Yes. Generally off of different ports but, yes.
- Q. Okay. Now, would you agree that Google keeps millions and millions of IP addresses?
- 25 A. Yes, they do. Within those accounts, they will also

- store IP addresses as well.
- Q. Okay. Would you agree it would be far more than 592 million?
- A. More IP addresses?
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- 6 A. Yes.
  - Q. Would you agree with me that Google would have to search every customer to see who is using an IP address at a specific date and time? In other words -- let me back up because I should have asked a different question at first. Have you seen search warrants to determine whose IP address this is?
  - A. Yes. If you have the IP address and you're trying to determine its -- its owner?
- 14 **Q**. Yes.
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. So if I send -- if I want to know -- if I've got
  17 the IP address and I want to know who does that belong to, I
  18 can ask Google about it, and they would have to search every
  19 customer to see who's using that IP address at a specific date
  20 and time?
  - A. So, for that example, what you would do is -- IP addresses are like phone numbers. They're owned by the individual companies. So, you know, let's say Comcast or someone like that, they own a block of IP addresses.
    - So then when you determine that that one falls within

their block, you go to them with a search warrant or whatever legal process. You make that request to them and say, "At this date and time, this IP address was used, and I need the subscriber information from it because of X probable cause."

They will then query for that specific IP address to tell you the subscriber.

- Q. Law enforcement can actually request Google identify the user of the IP address with just a grand jury subpoena; right?
- A. That's like -- yes, probably.

- Q. Okay. And isn't it true that an IP address can show a person using a Google address in a specific location such as a house?
  - A. Yes. You can resolve them back to specific addresses, because, again, like the Wi-Fi in your home, it's in a fixed location.
  - Q. And even though there's millions and millions and millions of IP addresses out there, you can get all of that with just a grand jury subpoena, can't you?
  - A. You can, but you're making a very specific request.
  - Q. All right. Now, I want to show you something. With assistance from somebody in my office who knows far more about technology than me, we created this document last night. And I use the term "we" very loosely.

Do you recognize -- well, first of all, before I ask you about that, let me go back for a second. In your report -- you

- were shown this a minute ago. I believe you were asked a question about this box right here (indicating). I don't have a color copy. I have -- I think when I copied I didn't use color, but this is the same box you were shown a few minutes ago; right?
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- Q. And this is basically where you've got the geofence box as a square; correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And that is basically around -- the post office is right here (indicating); right?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. And then you were asked some questions about -- about one of the hits that came back in Step 1, and you've drawn this basically circle that's a -- it's a 347-meter radius from the latitude and longitude given for that hit; correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
  - Q. Okay. Because you were asked some questions about, well, the device could have been inside or outside the box; right?
- 20 A. That's right.
- Q. So why didn't you plot more than just one point with the largest radius?
- A. I don't recall if this is the largest, but I was asked to -- to show an example of where the device -- essentially where the device could be in relation to -- to a data point.

- Q. Okay. Well, we had nine other points. I'm going to throw out the one at 5:58 that we don't believe was --
  - A. Okay.

- Q. -- was related to it. I'm talking about the -- I'm talking about the seven points related to device 859 and the three points related to device 768. Why didn't you plot the other nine points?
- A. Again, this is just an example for that one question
  about how it looks where -- where the data point falls because
  I have all of them plotted.
- Q. Okay. You would agree that GPS is more accurate than Wi-Fi; is that correct?
- 13 A. It can be.
- 14 Q. It can be? You don't think it usually is?
- 15 A. Yes, it can be more accurate. Yes.
- Q. Okay. That's why, in fact, on three of these the source is GPS. The three associated with 768; right?
- 18 A. Correct.
- Q. And the seven associated with device 859, the source is WiFi; right?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- Q. And we see the GPS has a much smaller radius around the latitude and longitude; right?
- 24 **A**. That's right, but that's not always true.
- 25 Q. Okay. So I want to go back now to the chart that I had

- help creating. Let's look at the green -- at the green ones
  first because those are three points. You said you went
  ahead -- that maybe when you were working on this you plotted
  all ten points?
  - A. Yes, I plotted all the data. Yes.
- Q. Okay. So would you agree with me that the ones in green are the three points associated with device 768?
  - A. If they're plotted correctly, yes. I'll just assume that you have done this properly.
- Q. Okay. Well, if we need to, I've got the person who put this together. We can bring her in here in a minute and talk about it but --
  - A. Unless you don't think it's correct, again, I said I'd trust you.
- Q. Okay. Fair enough. And the circles around each point -I've got a -- I've got one that zooms in a little bit better
  we'll look at in a second, but the circles around each point
  would just be the radius in meters around the latitude and
  longitude; correct?
  - A. That's what it should be, yes.
- Q. Okay. And then for the blue ones, what we've got here, the outer circle would be the same one that you had shown in your report, the 347 meters; right?
- 24 A. It appears to be, yes.

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Q. Okay. Well, let me go back for a second. You would

- agree with me, for the seven points associated with device 859, it's all the exact same latitude and longitude?
  - A. It is.

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- Q. Okay. And that's where we have the blue dot right here (indicating), the blue pinpoint?
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. And then we have radiuses around them. And I will just tell you, for purposes of keeping this simple, rather than trying to clutter up this chart with seven different blue lines, I had my assistant plot the largest one, which is 347 meters, and the smallest one, which is the inner one, which is 92 meters, and then one that was 146 meters. Does that appear to be accurate to you?
  - A. Again, trusting that you did it properly, yes.
- 15 Q. You won't dispute that it's accurate?
- 16 A. I'm not, no.
  - Q. All right. And I'm going to put this one up here. This one kind of cuts off part of the -- part of the outer one, but it helps us zoom in on the picture a little bit better. It's the same chart, just zoomed in a little bit.
  - The square box here (indicating), that is the geofence.

    That's the parameters of the geofence; right?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. So, on device 768, the green ones, the entire circle -- and, again, you said earlier the device is somewhere

- in the circle; right?
  - A. It should be, yes.
- Q. Yeah. The pinpoint doesn't really mean anything. It's somewhere in that circle?
  - A. Right.

- Q. And the entire circle on the three green hits are all within the geofence box; correct?
- A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. Okay. Now, I want to look at the smallest blue line.
- 10 That's the smallest, shortest diameter, the 92-meter diameter.
- You can see here (indicating). This is the back of the post office; right?
- 13 A. It appears to be, yes.
- Q. Okay. And the edge of that line runs right along right there -- where we were watching the video earlier, it would just cover where the assailant was hiding behind the post office, wouldn't it?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. All right. And that's the tightest radius on the blue.
- 20 The 146, which is the second biggest radius, would certainly
- encompass the post office, and the 347 would as well, wouldn't
- 22 it?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. So while, admittedly, on the 347-meter radius, a good bit of it's inside the box, a good bit of it is outside the box,

- but for the other eight -- oh, I'm sorry -- the other six related to device 859, that would be located mostly inside the box, wouldn't it?
  - A. Better than the other, yes.
- Q. Okay. In fact, with the smallest one, it's overwhelmingly inside the box, isn't it?
  - A. Yes. Much better than 347.
- Q. Okay. There was some discussion a minute ago about further legal process. Is it fair to say that you are not a judge?
- 11 A. I am not.

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- Q. Okay. And you are not -- you've not been proposed as an expert on the law; correct?
- 14 **A**. No, I'm not.
  - Q. Okay. So I'm going to use myself as an example. Okay? I'm just going to give you an absolute hypothetical. I am a very happily married man. I will tell you this is just a wild hypothetical.

But if my location history was turned on on February 5th of 2018 at 5:30 p.m., in theory, my information would be stored in this Sensorvault, and Google would review what's in their Sensorvault to respond to the search warrant; right?

- A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. If I was somewhere I didn't want somebody to be -if I was at my girlfriend's house, for example, and I didn't

- want my wife to know about it, Google's not going to find this
  by searching their Sensorvault, are they?
  - A. Say that again. I'm sorry.
  - Q. If I'm somewhere I don't want to be on February 5th of 2018 at 5:30 p.m., this search warrant is not going to show it unless I was at the Lake Cormorant post office; right?
  - A. Right. They're not going to call your wife.
  - Q. Yeah. If I was at my girlfriend's house at 5:30 p.m. that evening, the postal inspection service isn't going to know, are they?
- 11 A. No. Unless your girlfriend stays at the post office.
- Q. That's right. Google's not going to even know because they're not looking to see where I am. They're just looking to see was my device in the box or not; right?
  - A. Yeah.

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- Q. Okay. And while Google might search their Sensorvault, they may know where I am, they're going to know anyway because I've already given them that information, haven't I?
  - A. Yeah. But, again, this isn't something that they just are willingly going through. This is a -- again, a legal demand they're going to search this data for. So, no, they're not just looking to see where you are.
- Q. I agree. But unless I'm at the Lake Cormorant post
  office that evening, the only people that's going to know that
  is Google, and they already know it because I've already shared

- 1 that information with them; right?
- A. But, again, you make it out as though they're keeping tabs on you being there. Again, they're only looking in this instance. So they would only know if you were there, yes, because they're looking.
- Q. Just a couple more questions for you. Google sends this information back in response to the geofence warrant, and, basically, it showed two devices were there. And you don't disagree -- and the devices I'm talking about are device 859 and 768. Okay? You don't disagree that in Step 3 they disclose that those devices belong to Jamarr Smith and Gilbert McThunel?
- 13 **A.** No.
- 14 **Q**. **Okay**.
- 15 A. In the beginning, you said -- you said two or three?
- 16 Q. I'm sorry. They sent back three.
- 17 **A.** Okay.
- Q. But I'm ignoring the third one about whatever record -
  waves records because --
- 20 **A. Okay.**
- 21 Q. -- that -- I don't believe that's relevant to this.
- 22 A. Got you.
- Q. It's at that point they say device 859 and 768 were present in the vicinity of Lake Cormorant post office; right?
- 25 A. Correct. Those devices.

- Q. All right. And you would agree me that we've been able to identify those devices in Step 3 as Smith and McThunel?
  - A. For those accounts, yes.
- Q. For those accounts. Okay. So you don't disagree that

  Smith and McThunel were present at the Lake Cormorant post

  office at 5:30 p.m. that evening, do you?
- A. I can't say them physically, but an account that you have associated with them, yes.
  - Q. Okay. Their devices were present, weren't they?
  - A. The devices with those accounts, yes.
- Q. And, in fact, you've watched the video here. I assume you've watched it before.
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- Q. You do see on the video where the assailant has his elbow up to his ear for three minutes standing behind the post office, don't you?
  - A. So I watched today, but I -- honestly, from that TV, I couldn't see it, but, again, I wasn't close enough to be able to see it. I can't -- I can't rule on that either way.
    - Q. Okay. And you were here a while ago when we put the phone records up. You don't dispute that the phone records confirm that McThunel and Smith were on the phone with each other for a five -- roughly five-minute phone call around 5:15 p.m. that evening, do you?
  - A. I haven't reviewed those records.

- Q. Let's take a look at them real quick. Here's the phone records from C Spire. Did you ever review phone records when you were a police officer?
- 4 A. Yeah, I've reviewed one or two sets.
- 5 Q. Okay. So here's the start time, 1716 and 10 seconds.
- 6 You understand it's military time; correct?
- 7 **A**. I do.
  - Q. And that's on February 5th; right?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. And in civilian time, that would be 5:16 p.m., wouldn't
- 11 | it?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. And we have a phone call. The calling number would be
- 14 6029. The called number would be 7511. I'll represent to you
- that's Jamarr Smith's number and Gilbert McThunel's number.
- 16 And the duration of the call lasted 350 seconds; right?
- 17 **A.** Okay.
- Q. And if my math is correct, I guess that's about five minutes and 50 seconds; right?
- 20 A. It's close.
- 21 Q. Okay. So you don't dispute, do you, that, in fact,
- 22 Gilbert McThunel was on the phone with Jamarr Smith, assuming
- that I have not lied to you about the -- whose numbers those
- 24 are?
- 25 A. No. Can -- can I see those records?

- Q. Absolutely.
- MR. MIMS: May I approach the witness, Your Honor?
- THE COURT: You may.
  - A. Does it have a definition sheet with it or not?
- 5 BY MR. MIMS:

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- Q. It does. Feel free to dig through it. Just please don't get it out of order because I'll never get it back.
- A. Got you. I know you guys like printing records. It's not a good idea.
- 10 **Q**. I'm sorry?
- 11 A. I know you guys like printing these things. It's
- 12 **terrible.**
- 13 Q. Yeah, it is.
- 14 A. You said the definition sheet is here?
- Q. It should be. I believe I attached it. It may be at the very back.
- 17 A. Okay. (Reviews record.) Okay. I just wanted to be able 18 to review them since you asked me about them.
- 19 Q. I'm sorry?
- 20 A. I just wanted to be able to review them since you asked.
- 21 I just had not seen them.
- 22 **Q**. All right. Thank you.
- MR. MIMS: Your Honor, I have no further questions. I
  would offer into evidence the plotting of some of these points
  that I referred to with the expert. I'd offer them as G-4A and

G-4B. 1 THE COURT: Any objection? 2 MR. CHINICHE: May I just take a look at them? 3 **THE COURT:** Certainly. 4 Oh, I'm sorry. MR. MIMS: 5 (CONFERRING OFF THE RECORD.) 6 MR. CHINICHE: No objection. 7 No objection. MR. LEWIS: 8 THE COURT: Thank you. They'll be received. 9 (EXHIBIT NOS. G-4A AND G-4B ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.) 10 MR. MIMS: Your Honor, with that, I have no further 11 questions. 12 THE COURT: Redirect. 13 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 14 BY MR. LEWIS: 15 You were asked about practices inside Google, you know, 16 what their specific interior practices are. And I'm not sure 17 if this is an issue or not, but if the Court desired to hear 18 what goes on at Google, the Court has the power to subpoena 19 20 Google employees, which may be painful for us to listen to, to come and testify about that; correct? 21 It's happened before. 22 I was about to say, in the *Chatrie* case, a number 23 Q. Right. of Google employees testified; correct? 24 That's correct. 25 Α.

- Q. And then in the *Dawes* case in California, which is maybe a little more convenient, there were Google -- did Google employees testify or did they just do affidavits?
- A. No. They completed declarations to avoid having to come for testimony.
- Q. And so you have relied on these declarations in your testimony today as to about what Google practices are; correct?
- A. Right. And those applied to those matters that I was working, yes.
- Q. And, in fact, those declarations were attached to a report that we've provided the Court; correct?
- 12 A. That's correct.

- Q. Okay. You were asked a series of questions about turning on and off location history. Is it your testimony that someone turning on location history and, therefore, providing that information to Google no longer has an expectation of privacy in that information?
- A. No, I don't. And from reviewing the documents that have been provided, the *amicus* brief in *Chatrie*, those things, Google also doesn't akin it to the release of it. They -- they view it as protected. They require themselves that you provide a search warrant. There have been other agencies in the field that can get that data without a search warrant, but Google requires it. So they do not feel that it's non-protected material. They describe it as a journal.

- Q. Okay. And Mr. Mims gave a long -- perhaps overlong example of him not -- him being at his girlfriend's house. You understood him to be saying that he would have an expectation of privacy in that information?
- A. You would think that everybody would, yes.
- Q. In the warrant that was sent to Google in this case in November of 2018 -- now, let's not get confused about these warrants that were sent in 2019. Those warrants had specific what?
- A. Account names. So, as a result of the geofence request
  where the three accounts were subsequently retrieved back from
  the three different steps, then there were -- the narrowing
  occurred in a separate piece. That occurred afterwards, after
  the accounts were identified.
  - Q. Okay. This warrant in November of 2018, did it request information for a specific IP address?
- 17 A. The geofence warrant?
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- 19 A. No, it did not.
- 20 Q. Did it request information about a specific phone number?
- 21 A. No, it did not.
- 22 Q. Did it request information about a specific e-mail?
- 23 A. No. It actually asked for anonymized information.
- Q. Did it ask for information about a specific Google account?

No. Α. 1 I have nothing further, Your Honor. MR. LEWIS: 2 THE COURT: 0kay. I have two or three things I want 3 to ask. 4 MR. LEWIS: I'm sorry. He --5 MR. CHINICHE: Your Honor --6 Oh, I'm very sorry. Come ahead, THE COURT: 7 Mr. Chiniche. 8 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 9 BY MR. CHINICHE: 10 Mr. McInvaille, why don't you testify for prosecutors? Q. 11 They don't need private companies to assist them. 12 have law enforcement agencies that they can request services 13 from. 14

- And presumably free to them; right? 15 Q.
- I've never seen a prosecutor pay the FBI for their 16 Α. Yeah. work. 17
- And does Google offer any training that you could go to? Q. 18
- No. 19 Α.
- 20 Q. So that's why you haven't had any training?
- There are a few law enforcement only classes that Right. 21 are available out there that go directly towards the process of 22 the request, not so much the technology. 23
  - Q. Okay.

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So essentially teaching people that this is an option. 25

- Q. All right. And Mr. Mims showed you a diagram from last night, Government G-4A and G-4B. You see those?
  - A. Yes.

- Q. And the radius -- that's similar to the one in your report; is that correct?
  - A. It is.
- Q. And then I believe this is the zoomed in -- zoom-in version?
- A. It appears to be, yes.
- Q. And in this diagram, you're familiar with the landmarks here. The intersection of the road; right?
- 12 A. Yes, the railroad tracks.
- Q. Railroad tracks that we saw the train on the video. And this is the post office right here (indicating); right?
- 15 A. Correct.
- Q. None of these devices are in that parking lot of the post office, are they?
- A. The circles intersect with the parking lot, but, you know, they -- I wouldn't say that they're -- they're not confined to the parking lot, no.
- 21 **Q**. Right. The GPS coordinates where those green pegs are?
- A. No. They're -- again, they're not confined to the -- to the parking lot.
- 24 Q. Which is right here (indicating)?
- 25 A. Correct.

Q. Thank you, Mr. McInvaille.

**THE COURT:** Mr. Travis?

MR. TRAVIS: No thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: So I understand that you've testified about 42 times. I'm really looking for some information, kind of historical, that might help me here.

In those cases where you've testified, have you seen in some instances the language that is used -- that is attached to the affidavit in this case?

THE WITNESS: Similar language, yes.

THE COURT: So this language in Paragraph 2 says "Law enforcement will seek additional information regarding those devices through further legal process." Have you ever testified regarding what that further legal process entails?

THE WITNESS: So the other cases that I've had where -- so each of these warrants kind of -- they facilitate their own steps. So the over -- the overall process from start to finish is generally about the same. Sometimes Step 2 gets removed, and then sometimes Step 2 is in there. The other piece that gets added or removed is the "further legal process."

So, for example, in *Chatrie*, that warrant is very similar to this warrant. The one piece that this warrant has that *Chatrie* does not is the "further legal process." So, for example, switching over to other cases that I've worked where

they say "further legal process," it's because more warrants are required to go through the steps.

In the *Dawes* case, we actually learned that from the time that that initial search warrant was done to subsequent search warrants that that team was initiating later, that the judge had actually asked them to begin adding in a step to get further legal process for each and every request throughout the steps.

So they would go from Step 1 with the original warrant, get that data. They would then analyze and take a look at it. If they decided we want, you know, one or three of these people to move on to the subsequent steps, they would go get a new warrant, make that request to Google, and then, again, analyze and, if needed, make another subsequent request with legal process -- new legal process. A brand new search warrant.

So, essentially, for a three-step process, they would go get three warrants. In the initial warrant, they would describe that I'm going to do each of these things with a separate warrant in between each one. And that's generally the way it's described, is with further legal process.

THE COURT: So, to clarify, I had questioned myself as to whether the intent might be that there be a separate warrant for Step 2 and a separate warrant for Step 3.

THE WITNESS: I've seen that several times, yes.

THE COURT: Now, you've seen that, but have you seen it in all your cases?

THE WITNESS: No. Again, these warrants have been tailored in -- in different ways. There's times that I see all three steps. There's some times that I see two steps. There's times that I see three steps with warrants in between or just two steps with warrants in between. It's really on how it's been tailored and presented to the judge.

THE COURT: So, to be clear, looking at this particular one, when you see in Paragraph 2 -- do you need to look at this language?

THE WITNESS: I -- I recall it.

THE COURT: Okay. When you see in Paragraph 2 "and will seek any additional information regarding those devices through further legal process," in all of your other cases, your testimony has been consistent that that requires additional warrants at each stage?

THE WITNESS: Right. Because if you actually read that paragraph, what it states is it outlines we are going to ask for and receive the anonymized data, which is that G-3 page that they've shown us several times.

Once we have that information, we will analyze, and then if we want to seek more information. So, if we want the contextual information and if we want to determine who the subscriber is, that we will get further legal process.

In my other cases that I have had where that is spelled out, there are multiple warrants for this one process.

THE COURT: So is it fair to say that in the cases you've testified that what you deem as an expert to be required is dependent upon the language in the search warrant?

THE WITNESS: Exactly, yes.

THE COURT: Okay. So tell me -- this 68 percent accuracy that I see referred to, can you tell me what that means?

THE WITNESS: Yes. So if you recall the two pictures that we've been going through with the circles around the geofence, those circles on that map's display radius has been provided. So, as Mr. Mims said, you can take that latitude and longitude, drop it on the map. You then draw the circle around that reference location.

**THE COURT**: Uh-huh.

THE WITNESS: Then you can kind of forget that that center point exists at that point. You can take the little pin drop and pull it out, get rid of it, because now what we know is that the device should be within this circle.

Now, Google has testified that it is their goal that 68 percent of the time the device should be located somewhere within that circle. So for -- let's just take the 92-meter circle that's in the center here, that center blue circle, the smallest one. Google is saying that the device should be

located within the boundaries of that circle 68 percent of the time, meaning there is a chance that the device could be outside of the circle somewhere as well.

THE COURT: And back to Mr. Chiniche's question, like this diagram here does not represent that the green -- where the green dot is positioned on the map means that the person with the device was standing at that exact location?

THE WITNESS: Exactly. So it's somewhere within the -- it should be somewhere within each of those circles. Each one of those is a separate measurement.

**THE COURT:** So you started doing this in 2017?

THE WITNESS: I began working at Envista in 2017, yes.

THE COURT: So help me with the history. At that time, I don't think there was a case -- our search warrant was signed in November of 2018. To your knowledge, what -- what law -- what were you using prior to the decision -- the first decisions that came?

THE WITNESS: So this process of asking for this data is relatively new. The underlying data, the location history specific to a person's account, we've been -- I've been reviewing that since -- since I was in law enforcement 2013. That's -- that's a function that we've been able to get and review.

So that technology, as far as how that process and how that data is collected and used and how that works, has been

reviewed by law enforcement for, you know, ten years now.

**THE COURT:** Primarily from cell tower dumps?

THE WITNESS: So, no, from Google itself. But, again, that request at that time was and still is, in some instances, the specific account. I'm asking for your specific account because I want to know where you are versus this is a new request that has been tailored so that if I don't know who you are and I want to try to find you, then I can find you.

**THE COURT:** Okay. Have you testified before regarding whether or not a search was overbroad?

THE WITNESS: Yes. So I often get asked that in these specific requests.

THE COURT: So, in  $Google\ V$ , that was 875 square meters. This one is, like, 98,000 square meters. I don't recall anybody has mentioned that today. Is that overbroad or not?

THE WITNESS: So, in terms of the box that you see drawn, one of the important things to understand here is that the -- the only thing that the time in the box restricts is how much data they receive back. It has no impact on the search that's conducted.

So I often tell you that if you -- if you took one of the tiles on the floor and said, "Hey, Google, I want to know who's in that -- on that -- standing on that tile for one minute," the search of all of the users still has to occur.

Now, because we made that box so very small, they might only return one person, but they had to still search everyone.

So the box really does nothing to restrict the search. It only restricts what they get back in return.

**THE COURT:** The result?

THE WITNESS: Right.

**THE COURT:** So the fact that this search is three or four acres doesn't matter?

THE WITNESS: Honestly, no. If they would have drawn it bigger, they may have returned more users, but the search was still the same. If you draw it smaller to just the confines of the -- of the parking lot or the building there or the back of the building, you may have returned less users, but, again, it's not going to change the search that was made.

THE COURT: I think I understand. So, in this affidavit, it mentions all location data, including cell tower, GPS, and other Wi-Fi means.

THE WITNESS: Right.

THE COURT: Is -- is there anything about this case that is significant to you about the source? Do you even know the source?

THE WITNESS: So it tells you in the -- in the records what source was used to derive each of the locations. So if you look at that G-3 -- it should be about four columns over, I believe, four or five columns over -- you'll see the source

that was used.

THE COURT: And several of those -- that first number, whatever it was, it shows Wi-Fi. Then the last three, I think it is, shows GPS. Does that matter?

THE WITNESS: No, it does not. What you're looking at is that is, at that time, what Google used to determine those locations is really all it is. It doesn't -- it doesn't change what the scope of the search was or any of that. So, no, I would say it's insignificant.

**THE COURT:** And it doesn't speak to the accuracy?

THE WITNESS: No. Wi-Fi is -- all of them are estimations. Wi-Fi is even more of a broader estimation than GPS, but, no, it should not have any significant problem with the -- with the accuracy. What you see there is relatively what you get.

THE COURT: In the cases that you've testified in, is it always alleged in the affidavit that a phone was used or possibly used?

THE WITNESS: I can't speak to that and say that every one, but I know I have seen it where it's mentioned. But, of course -- so, for example, in *Chatrie*, in that matter, the person was standing directly underneath a camera. You could see the physical phone in their hand. You could see the color of the phone. That's how close it was.

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MR. MIMS:

can -- I can say for sure that not all of them reference having Dawes in California does not reference having a phone because they didn't have any pictures, video, any inclination. It was just looking because they thought they may just because people have phones. Did you testify in *Google IV*? THE COURT: **THE WITNESS:** I'm sorry? Did you testify in the case that's denoted THE COURT: as Google IV? **THE WITNESS:** Which one is that? MR. LEWIS: Your Honor, Google I, II, III, IV, and V were all ex parte matters --THE COURT: Got you. -- where the magistrate judge just ruled MR. LEWIS: on them. And this is maybe kind of new to me, but had a written opinion based on a warrant application. The only developed records -- you could ask him, but *Chatrie*, *Dawes*, maybe a case in Florida where there was an evidentiary hearing like this, Your Honor. **THE COURT:** Okay. So, Counselors, put this in the back of your mind. Later, after you make your argument, I do have some questions for you, but it's my understanding that the Google IV case, the affidavit did not allege that the suspect had a phone?

That may be. I have got it here.

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look at it. But, in fact, there are many, many cases in which there's no allegation in the affidavit that the subject had a phone. I've gotten geofence warrants before on cases I've worked on where we had no video, had no idea whether there were phones there or not. The affidavit is based on a statement that, hey, criminals, like everybody else, they all have a phone. And if they have a phone, Google could have location information.

THE COURT: Okay. Is it significant to you in this case that of the three device numbers that came back to turn out to be two of the defendants in this case, the other, the permanentwaves dot whatever, was not further searched? Does that in any way make the identity of the two positive hits less reliable?

THE WITNESS: No. My only concern with the -- I'm sorry -- the waves account -- I can't recall the first part -- is that, you know, the portion that had been described earlier about realizing that that account was insignificant to the investigation based on time comes from the very first step of the warrant. So you see that time that was being used, that 1758 time there on the screen, that comes from the very first data set.

And as a result of even realizing that that was insignificant due to the time, it's -- that account still progressed through Step 2 and Step 3. And then, instead of

getting the further information to get more locations for that account that would have shown you where this person possibly lives, where they go to work every day, things like that that would allow you to identify them was not sought.

So it's weird that this device makes it through all three steps and then is determined to not be relevant based on a piece of information that came from the very first step.

**THE COURT:** Okay. Mr. Mims, any questions in light of mine?

MR. MIMS: I do, Your Honor.

#### **RECROSS-EXAMINATION**

#### BY MR. MIMS:

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- Q. Mr. McInvaille, in relation to that last set of questions, you did -- you were here when Mr. Mathews testified; right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You did hear him say they tried to figure out who permanentwavesrecords was and could not locate that; correct?
- 19 **A.** Yes.
- Q. Okay. So they didn't just completely ignore it. They tried to follow up and couldn't find it?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. Because it could have been a person who was in the vicinity at the time and may possibly have been a witness; right?

A. It's possible.

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- Q. Okay. But from the video, it clearly wasn't somebody who was involved in the robbery, was it?
- A. I don't -- I don't know that I can make that determination.
- Q. Okay. So you were asked a question about this further legal process. You would agree with me that in this language here that's in the second page to Attachment A to the warrant, the language that kind of lays out Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3, right --
- 11 A. Correct.
- Q. -- it doesn't say anything about -- it doesn't say specifically going back for another search warrant, does it?
  - A. It says "further legal process."
- Q. I understand it says that. It doesn't say go back for a search warrant, does it? It doesn't use the word "search warrant," does it?
- 18 A. What would be legal process then?
- Q. Sir, I'm asking you, does it say go get another search warrant?
- A. I'm just trying to understand what legal process would be if it's not a search warrant.
- Q. Mr. McInvaille, I appreciate -- I appreciate that. I'm asking you a very specific question.
- 25 **A. Okay.**

Q. When it comes to Step 2 and Step 3 --

THE COURT: Answer his question.

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- Q. -- it does not use the words "go get another search warrant," does it?
- A. No. It says "further legal process."
- Q. Okay. And my understanding is when -- when I've talked with case agents -- and I've dealt with multiple geofence warrants. I've talked to them about how do you do this, what do you submit to Google -- they always talk about the Google legal portal. Do you call -- have you heard it called the legal portal?
- 13 A. Yeah. LERS, L-E-R-S, the portal.
- 14 **Q**. **Okay**.
- 15 A. It can be named a few things.
- 16 Q. What does LERS stand for?
- 17 A. Law Enforcement Resource something, I believe.
- Q. Okay. If you're wanting to have legal communications on search warrants with Google, you go through this legal portal, don't you?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. All right. And, in fact, this Attachment A says -- in regards to Step 2 and Step 3, it says that once these accounts have been identified in Step 1, the devices that were present, law enforcement may review those, and upon demand, the provider

- shall provide more information; correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. And, again, it says the same thing in Step 3. Upon demand, the provider shall provide; right?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Now, would you agree with me that Google is not necessarily the most law enforcement friendly company out there?
- 9 A. They seem to respond, what, 10,000 times a year it sounded like.
- Q. Really. Have you ever -- have you ever as a case agent submitted geofence warrants to Google? You haven't, have you?
- 13 A. No. I've submitted other requests.
- Q. Would you disagree with me if I told you that Google
  would be very hesitant to refuse (sic) to comply if they didn't
  think you had dotted all of your I's and crossed all of your
  T's legally?
- 18 A. Say that again.
- Q. Would you disagree with me if I told you that Google would not hesitate to reject your warrant if you didn't take all of the appropriate steps in their mind?
- 22 A. That's right. They will.
- 23 Q. I'm sorry?
- 24 A. They will reject your warrant, yes.
- 25 Q. Yes. Now, you talked about the 68 percent probability.

I've never really fully understood that. What you're telling me is, when you draw this circle -- or when Google provides information that leads to these circles, that there's a 68 percent probability that the device is inside the circle; right?

- A. Correct. Yeah. Forget the geofences here. Just look at the circle. One individual circle at a time. 68 percent of the time it's in the circle.
- Q. Which means 32 percent of the time it might not be or wouldn't be?
- A. It's possible, yes.

- Q. Okay. But wouldn't -- even for the 32 percent, we're not saying there's a 32 percent chance that that device is back home in Batesville an hour away. It just might be over here, not inside the circle; right?
- A. It could be.
- Q. Well, let's talk about -- I'm not talking about could be. What I'm saying is, you're telling this Court that, well -- if I understand it correctly. If I'm wrong, tell me. What I understand you saying is, just because Google says here's your latitude and longitude, here's your radius, draw a circle, it's still only a 68 percent chance you're inside that circle.

What I'm saying is, that doesn't mean there's only a 68 percent chance they are really there at all, period.

There's still 100 percent chance they're near this post office.

- They might just be outside the circle, not inside?
- 2 A. Again, that's possible. That's correct.
  - Q. What's not possible is it doesn't mean there's a
- 4 32 percent chance they were nowhere near here?
- 5 A. I don't think they would be -- you said Batesville. No,
- 6 I don't think so.
- Q. Yeah. They're not an hour away or they're not 30 minutes
- ∃ away?

- A. Correct.
- **Q**. They're here?
- 11 A. Somewhere, yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. And the last thing, you were asked some questions
- about the size of the box. You can draw a geofence box all
- 14 sorts of different sizes, can't you?
- 15 A. You can.
- 16 Q. In fact, sometimes you don't draw a box. Sometimes you
- just put one latitude and longitude and say -- and you do a
- 18 radius around that and say give me everything within a hundred
- meters of this latitude and longitude; right? You've seen
- 20 those?
- A. Yes. You can even see people where they'll draw polygons
- 22 that cover just the parking lot and a strip of the road, or,
- 23 you know, it can be shaped like a "T." It can be anything.
- Q. And you typically base that on the different crime scenes
- you're dealing with; right?

A. They probably do, yes.

Q. So, in this case, we had evidence from the video that you've got -- you've got the assailant -- let me get the other one that zooms in.

You've got an assailant that's here behind the post office (indicating). You've got a white SUV that comes across the road and down here and back twice (indicating). You've got a red car that comes in here -- I can't remember the direction it comes from, but it comes in here -- I think it comes this way (indicating), and then it goes across the tracks and turns around and comes back and then comes up here in the roadway in front of this building right here (indicating).

So, in other words, here it makes sense. Don't just draw a little box right around the post office, but let's encompass these roads where the cars are traveling. That makes sense, doesn't it?

- A. Again, yeah, you could draw the polygon to cover, you know, the areas that you're describing in the video. You could tailor it to those -- you know, to that strip of road, that section. You could tailor how you -- how you need it.
- Q. Have you ever been to Lake Cormorant, Mississippi?
- 22 A. I'm sorry?
  - Q. Have you ever been to Lake Cormorant, Mississippi?
- **A**. **No**, sir.
  - Q. I will tell you there is nothing there, as you can

probably see from this map. There's literally nothing there.

At 5:30 on a Monday afternoon --

MR. LEWIS: Excuse me, Your Honor. I think people from Lake Cormorant would object to that.

MR. MIMS: I'm not sure there's anybody from Lake Cormorant to object to it.

### BY MR. MIMS:

- Q. But let me ask you this question. You would agree with me there would be a difference in the number of people you might expect in Lake Cormorant, Mississippi, at 5:30 p.m. on a Monday afternoon compared to the Oxford Square at noon on a football Friday weekend?
- A. Right. You're going to return a different set of users, yes.
- Q. Right. And so, in a case like this where you're looking at a crime in Lake Cormorant, you might draw a bigger box partly because you've got roads you're trying to cover, but partly because you know you're only going to get a few devices anyway; right?
- A. It's possible.
- Q. Whereas, if -- you've probably never been to Oxford on a football Friday, but let me tell you, it gets crazy around here. If you had a crime on the Square at noon on a Friday before a football game, you're going to have to probably draw a small box or you're going to get way more information?

- A. Right. They're going to respond with more users, yes.
- Q. Yeah. So the size of the box can sometimes be related to your location and the number of people that may be there; right?
- A. It could. It restricts the return, yes.
- Q. All right. Thank you.

MR. MIMS: No further questions, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Let me ask you a question, and so you will know it when you get there. On the 32 percent, does that mean that someone could be inside the radius and not be detected? Is that some of the 32 percent?

THE WITNESS: Yeah. I mean, you could have -- so it kind of goes both ways. In cases that I've had, you'll either have people who never entered the geofence -- if they have a bad estimation or an estimated inside, well, now their data gets returned versus -- you can also have bad estimations the other way. Let's say you know that device is squarely within the geofence but a bad estimation is made by Google and puts them outside of the fence, now their data is not returned. So that actually cuts both ways.

I've seen plenty of data where in Step 2 you see people travel. Let's just say -- you know, this covers a lot of the street, but there are some that will meet up close to the street but not encompass it. You'll see people travel and then jump in and jump back out. You can tell they never

There's no way they stopped based on their path of stopped. 1 travel and speed. 2 THE COURT: Okay. 3 May I follow up on that? MR. MIMS: 4 THE COURT: Yes, sir. 5 BY MR. MIMS: 6 Mr. McInvaille, just one question on that. Fair to say 7 Q. that as far as this whole 68 percent deal, Google is exercising 8 its own good faith to try to comply with the warrant to say who they reasonably believe to be within the parameters? 10 Again, they're returning the estimates that they have, Α. 11 12 yes. **THE COURT:** Counselors? 13 MR. LEWIS: We have no questions. 14 MR. CHINICHE: No, Your Honor. 15 MR. TRAVIS: No thank you. 16 THE COURT: Let's take a break and then -- you're 17 finally released. You can sit in the courtroom. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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